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			agency and non receipt of explanation. The organization has been filed a writ petition No. 9578/2001 in High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad against the blacklisting, Therefore, efforts for recovery will be made only after the judgment of the court.
15.	Navodaya Seva Sangam, H. No. 10-107, Netaji Road, Jadcherla, Mahabubnagar, Andhra Pradesh.	0.51	The organization has been blacklisted on 20-04-2001 by the Ministry on the basis of adverse inspection report of nodal agency and non receipt of explanation.
16.	Learning in the Field of Training (LIFT), Flat No. 302, Rocky Apartments, Venkatredy Colony, Secunderabad	1.85	The organization has been blacklisted and State Government of Andhra Pradesh and District Collector of Secunderbad were requested for recovery of Rs. 184860/- alongwith 6% penal interest from the date of releasing of the grant to the organization on 31-07-2001. Reply from the State Government is awaited.

Investment for R and D Projects in Steel Plants

†3776. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE :
SHRI GOPAL SINGH SOLANKI :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to promote more investment for research and development work on steel in order to improve its quality;

(b) if so, the amount of investment made during the last three years in steel undertakings/plants under public and private sector; and

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) the status of on-going Research and Development Projects in Steel Plants under public and private sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) According to information available, investment made in Research and Development in Public/Private Sector Steel Plants during the last three years is given below :

(Rs. in crore)

	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
(A) *Public Sector Steel Plants*			
(i) Steel Authority of India Limited	44.50	44.46	51.83
(ii) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited	2.50	2.50	2.50
Sub-Total (A)	47.00	46.96	54.33
(B) *Private Sector Steel Plants*			
(i) Tata Iron & Steel Company	13.5000	13.6500	10.4300
(ii) Mukand Limited	0.7783	0.4769	0.4398
(iii) Sunflag Iron & Steel Company	0.1624	0.3127	0.4555
(iv) Jindal Vijaynagar Steel Limited	Nil.	0.1250	0.9560
Sub-Total (B)	14.3407	14.5646	12.2813
Total (A) & (B)	61.3407	61.5246	66.6113

(c) During the current year (2001-02), 20 major Research & Development Projects are being perused in the Public Sector Steel Plants. In addition, 16-major Research and Development Projects have been taken up by the Private Sectors Steel Plants. These projects concern different areas of Iron and Steel making, Up-gradation of Raw Materials, Product Development, Increase in Productivity, Reduction of Energy consumption etc. The projects are running as per schedule.